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Free Resource - October 26th, 2012

▶ Free Resource of the Day



Happy Halloween! We've picked seven of the best free horror audio books to feature today. If there are multiple versions then we'll link to each of them and you can decide which narrator you like the best.

But first we'll point you to *Click-Clack the Rattlebag: A Free Short Story Written and Performed by Neil Gaiman* offered by Audible.com. Audible says: "Download Neil Gaiman's

latest exclusive Halloween short story FREE & Audible.com will donate \$1 to DonorsChoose.org!" Sounds good!

[Click-Clack the Rattlebag: A Free Short Story Written and Performed by Neil Gaiman](#)

And here are our top seven free horror audio books:

1. **[Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus](#)** from Lit2Go

[Frankenstein, or Modern Prometheus](#) from LibriVox

Listen to Mary Shelley's classic tale of Gothic horror and science fiction. Written at the dawn of the Industrial Revolution, this allegorical novel reveals the dark side of modern man's irresponsible use of technology. Download Frankenstein on MP3 today because after Halloween this free version is gone!

2. **[Dracula](#)** from Librivox

[Dracula](#) from Lit2Go

As Halloween approaches, we thought you might want to listen to one of the greatest horror stories of all time: Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. This classic vampire story examines modern Victorian culture and the gothic occult dimension that lies beneath it. Listen and you will meet not only Count Dracula himself, but heroes Jonathan Harker and Abraham Van Helsing, plus an array of madmen, psychiatrists, and fair maidens who cross paths with the fanged menace.

3. **[The Works of Edgar Allan Poe](#)** from Librivox

No one else spins a Gothic tale of mystery & macabre quite like Edgar Allan Poe. In this collection of his stories you'll hear such famous Poe stories as "The Fall of the House of Usher", "The Masque of the Red Death", "The Pit and the Pendulum", and "The Tell-Tale Heart". Poe's popular stories and poems made him a living in his day and continue to be popular. These short stories are read by a group of volunteer narrators at Librivox.org.

4. [The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde](#) from Librivox[The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde](#) from Lit2Go

We all know the phrase "Jekyll and Hyde", but how many of us have read the book which created this classic example of a split personality? Robert Louis Stevenson's 1886 novella *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde* is full of mystery and intrigue as the lawyer Mr. Utterson seeks to discover who Mr. Hyde is after a series of bizarre crimes committed by Hyde. Utterson seeks out the advice of the respectable Dr. Jekyll who has an interesting relationship with Mr. Hyde.

5. [The Turn of the Screw](#)

Listen to Henry James' classic Victorian ghost story of a governess and the children she cares for as she deals with the mysterious spirits of their estate. The ambiguous nature of the novel has kept literary critics guessing its meanings for over a century. This spellbinding tale is narrated by Nikolle Doolin over at LibriVox.org and is available on MP3 download.

6. [The Legend of Sleepy Hollow](#) from Librivox (downloadable on LearnOutLoud.com)[The Legend of Sleepy Hollow](#) from Voices in the Dark[The Legend of Sleepy Hollow](#) from Lit2Go

Listen to this great short story written by Washington Irving, one of the first acclaimed American authors. It tells the tale of a Dutch settlement called Sleepy Hollow which is haunted by the legend of a Headless Horseman. The Librivox version is read by Chip and his narration is magnificent. It's available on MP3 Download.

7. [The Picture of Dorian Gray](#) from Librivox[The Picture of Dorian Gray](#) from Lit2Go

Listen to the classic gothic tale of Dorian Gray who sells his soul to embrace the new hedonism promoted by Lord Henry Wotton. Dorian Gray remains the same age, but a portrait of him serves as a reminder of the effect each act has upon his soul, with each sin displayed as a disfigurement of his form. Download this controversial work of gothic fiction on MP3.

Enjoy these classic works of horror this Halloween!

Coupon of the Day

[Rebecca](#)

Take \$8.00 Off *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier on audio download. Enter in the coupon code: **rebecca**. On the bottom of the payment page of checkout below where you enter your credit card information click "Apply a LearnOutLoud.com Gift Certificate or Coupon" and enter in this coupon code. Note: this coupon only works with credit cards and not PayPal. This coupon is valid for this title through next week until Friday, November 2nd.

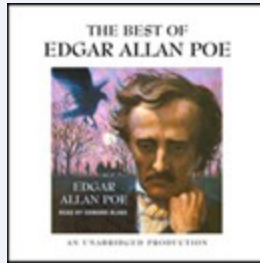
This mysterious tale is the best known and best loved of du Maurier's work. After honeymooning in Italy, the dashing Max de Winter returns to Manderley, his beautiful country estate, with his innocent young bride. But the unsettling presence of Rebecca (the first Mrs. de Winter) still lingers within the mansion's rooms and halls, and most of all in the persistent reminders from the grim housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers. The new Mrs. de Winter is nearly driven to despair by Mrs. Danvers' obsessive love of Rebecca, the mysterious and glittering socialite who is thought to have drowned at sea. Anna Massey's haunting performance heightens the suspense and intrigue in this classic.

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▶ Edgar Allan Poe Audio

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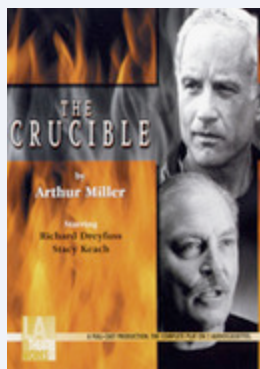
Edgar Allan Poe was a 19th century author and poet, best known for his Gothic short stories and mysteries, including the "Cask of Amontillado" and "The Purloined Letter". Poe was born in Boston and lost both of his parents in the first few years of his life. He was taken in by John Allan, a Virginian merchant from Scotland who gave Poe his middle name. After attending school in London, England for some time, the family moved back to Virginia where Poe pursued his post secondary education.

Despite his wealth, Allan would not finance Poe's college education and the future writer decided to join the United States Army to support himself. Meanwhile, Poe began writing, releasing his first book in his early twenties. Eventually, Poe decided to try to pursue writing as a full-time career. He received numerous rejections until he won a contest for the short story "Manuscript Found in a Bottle", which landed him a job as an editor. Poe continued to struggle financially, holding editor positions at various magazines that did not pay well despite Poe's ability to vastly increase their circulation. The author was a recognized literary critic, but he never achieved financial success. In 1849, Poe was discovered on the streets of Baltimore delirious and in need of immediate medical attention. He died later the next morning and was never able to explain how he got into his dire condition.

If you're looking for some of Poe's best work, [The Best of Edgar Allan Poe](#), available as an audio download, contains some of his most notable poems and stories. Another collection, [The Fall of the House of Usher & The Pit and the Pendulum](#), consists of two of his most famous stories of the macabre along with a number of other short stories. [The Dupin Stories](#) will be of interest if you're looking for a good Poe detective story and is available as an audio CD or MP3 download.

[Edgar Allan Poe Audio](#)

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